

Talking Book Library

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The Perkins Braille & Talking Book Library is a public library service, partnered with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), that provides large print books, audio books and magazines along with playback equipment, telephone newspaper access, audio described videos and DVDs, and

Braille books to people who have difficulty reading regular print, holding a book, or turning pages due to a visual or physical impairment.

There are many kinds of reading materials in the Perkins collection, including fiction and nonfiction, for both children and adults. Bestsellers, biographies, self-help, westerns, romances, mysteries, current events, and magazines, are just some of the materials that borrowers may select. *Additionally, the materials are mailed directly to your door and returned for free through the US Postal Service.*

If loss of vision or a physical or reading impairment is keeping you, or someone you know, from enjoying your favorite reading materials, please contact the Perkins Braille & Talking Book Library by calling (617) 972-7240 or (800) 852-3133, e-mail library@perkinslibrary.org or visit perkinslibrary.org. Call my office for more information at: (617) 722-2130.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing U.S. Currency Reader Program

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) has partnered with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in support of its U.S. Currency Reader Program, which provides currency-reader devices, free of charge, to individuals who are blind or visually impaired. The program is part of the government's Meaningful Access Initiative to assist individuals who experience difficulties identifying U.S. currency. Please call my office for more information at: (617) 722-2130.

Check out Maynard Public Library's Summer Museum Passes

Want to set up a fun museum outing with your friends? Take advantage of Maynard Library's wide-range selection of museum passes. The Maynard Library has passes for the Boston Harbor Cruise (Buy one, Get one free), Children's Museum in Boston (Half Price), Concord Museum (\$5 off), Davis' Farmland in Sterling (\$5 off), DeCordova Museum in Lincoln (\$5), Discovery Museums in Acton (Half Price), Drumlin Farms (\$2), the EcoTarium (Half Price), Einstein's Workshop (Free), Fruitlands Museum Harvard (Free), Garden in the Woods (\$1 for seniors/children, \$2 for adults), Harvard Art Museums (Free), Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (\$5), Historic New England (Free), Massachusetts Parks Pass (Free Parking), the Museum of Fine Arts (\$10), the Museum of Science (\$7), New England Aquarium (\$10), Peabody Essex Museum (\$5), Roger Williams Zoo (\$3 off), Tower Hill Botanical Garden (Half Price)

Office Hours will be by appointment for July and August. If you have an issue or concern, please call the State House at (617) 722-2130 or e-mail Kate.Hogan@mahouse.gov, to schedule an appointment with me. I look forward to hearing from you.

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